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- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) “Collaborative” means the Legal Education Success Collaborative.
- (3) “Maryland HBCU” means the following historically black colleges and universities:
 - (i) Bowie State University;
 - (ii) Coppin State University;
 - (iii) Morgan State University; and
 - (iv) University of Maryland Eastern Shore.
- (4) “Scholars program” means:
 - (i) The University of Baltimore School of Law and Historically Black Colleges and Universities Student Pipeline Cooperative scholars; and
 - (ii) The University of Maryland School of Law Diversity and Inclusion scholars.
- (5) “UB Law and HBCU Cooperative” means the University of Baltimore School of Law and Historically Black Colleges and Universities Student Pipeline Cooperative.
- (b) There is a Legal Education Success Collaborative between the University of Baltimore School of Law, the University of Maryland School of Law, and the Maryland historically black colleges and universities.
- (c) The purpose of the Collaborative is to increase diversity in the legal field through:
 - (1) Financial support, academic success, professional development, and mentoring opportunities for students participating in the scholars program;

(2) The UB Law and HBCU Cooperative that prepares Maryland HBCU students for law school and provides academic support and assistance to students in law school and throughout their legal careers; and

(3) The University of Maryland School of Law Diversity and Inclusion scholars program.

(d) (1) The UB Law and HBCU Cooperative shall be developed and administered by the University of Baltimore School of Law.

(2) The University of Maryland School of Law Diversity and Inclusion scholars program shall be developed and administered by the University of Maryland School of Law.

(e) For fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter:

(1) The Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$125,000 to each scholars program at the University of Baltimore School of Law and the University of Maryland School of Law; and

(2) The University of Baltimore School of Law and the University of Maryland School of Law each shall provide funding for the scholars program to match the amount provided under item (1) of this subsection, up to \$125,000.

(f) The money appropriated under subsection (e) of this section is supplemental to and may not supplant funding that would otherwise be appropriated for the scholars program, Maryland HBCUs, the University of Baltimore, or the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus.

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